MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Subarnarekha is the only inter-State multipurpose irrigation project under execution which provides benefits to Orissa.

(b) and (c) The target date of completion of the above project is 1994.95. An expenditure of Rs. 44.68 crores (anticipated) has been incurred by Orissa upto March 1987, against the latest estimated cost of Rs. 391.49 crores relating to Orissa.

Ordnance Factory for Rehabilitation of Persons Displaced by National Test Range

1270. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of people who would be displaced from Baliapal in Balasore district of Orissa due to establishment of the National Test Range;

(b) whether Government propose to set up an ordnance factory, a vehicle or gun manufacturing unit near this locality to provide district employment to at least 2000 people as a measure of rehabilitation for this project;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof: and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) It is estimated that about 41000 persons (about 6500 families) would have to be displaced from Baliapal/Bhograi regions of Balasore District of Orissa due to establishment of National Test Range.

(b) At present, there is no such proposal, under the consideration of the Government.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) Government of Orissa is setting up a number of industrial projects and self employment schemes where the displaced persons would be offered gainful employment on the basis of their education/past experience etc.

Exemption of Duty on Electronic Components

1271. SHRI YALLA SESU BHUSHANA RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the cost of production of indigenous electronic components is higher as compared to the international prices; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to completely exempt the duty on raw materials and capital goods to bring down the prices of indigenous electronic components to a reasonable level ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. However, the duty on raw materials was brought down to 30% and on processed raw materials and piece parts to 45% in June, 1986 and further rationalised in February, 1987 in order to reduce the input costs of the electronic components industry. In addition, this industry enjoys a concessional import duty of 30 percent on project imports, 60 percent for equipment for balancing/modernisation and 60 percent on moulds, tools and dies. The cost of indigenous components is nevertheless higher because of the higher cost of indigenous raw material like copper, steel, plastics, chemicals etc. and the higher rates of interest for finance.

Expenditure on Teesta Barrage Project

1272. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total expenditure incurred so far on the Teesta Barrage Project in West Bengal;